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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: AMCOBRA (Later called AMBANTY)

Job # 66-69/65
66-287/3 Box 1

File # 19-132-11

Dates included:

Volumes: 53

1. Description:

PM Operation, file opened Oct 62. The original AMCOBRA operation consisted of a two-man PM team (AMBANTY-1 and 2) recruited and trained in the U.S. and subsequently infiltrated clandestinely into Cuba March 1962. They recruited inside Cuba. There were over 400 assets in the intel/resistance complex as of May 1964 when the operation was rolled up by Cuban authorities.

2. Findings:

a. WAVE 7250 (IN 57364) 12 Nov 63: Radio message from agent. "The sewage chief of Havana was executed. He was accused of having given the sewage plans to the CIA in order to install the bombs that exploded during Fidel's speech to the Defense Committees."

b. WAVE 7523 (IN) 15 Nov 63: Radio message from agent. "The obligatory military service makes us reduce intelligence information. I will have to decide between on insurrection and departing Cuba. I have decided on insurrection. I hope you will help me with the weapons I need."

c. WAVE 7594 (IN 61966) 16 Nov 63:

"As you agreed when you were here, there can be no insurrection in Cuba until it can take place simultaneously throughout Cuba. Such a total uprising is not possible at this time." (Message to agent.)

d. WAVE 7593 (IN 61967) 16 Nov 63: If you insist on precipitant action before the whole plan is ready you are going to draw all the enemy forces down upon you and the people of Pinar which will result in the complete destruction of everything you and your men have labored so hard to create. We cannot support an insurrection now. We will continue to support you and group as agreed upon.

e. WAVE 7707 (IN62544) 17 Nov 63: We unable to support insurrection in Pinar now because it would be premature.

f. WAVE 8125 (IN 67382) 24 Nov 63: Message from agent. Sincere grief and condolence for loss of the greatest leader and statesman of our time, John Kennedy.

g. WAVE 8598 (75428) 6 Dec 63: Message to agent. Thank you for sincere condolences on death of Pres. Kennedy.

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Researcher

See attached for additional operational info.

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